



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 21

Chairperson: Greg Adams
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 2, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 21 amends the Nebraska Scholarship Program Act. It increases the pool of students eligible to receive an award by increasing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) limit necessary for qualification. Currently, students must qualify for a Federal Pell Grant to qualify for a state award. For 2008-09, this is equivalent to an EFC of \$4,041 or lower. LB 21 raises the EFC limit to \$6,000 for 2009-10 and 2.5% each year following so students who just miss qualifying for a Federal Pell Grant could still qualify for state financial aid.

LB 21 also changes the name of the Nebraska Scholarship Program to the Nebraska State Grant Program.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator John Harms